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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF JIDDAH TALKS WITH MNFL

REF: A) TRIPOLI 0380 (NOTAL) B) MANILA 3776 :) MANILA 3709

1. ACCORDING GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY (PNA), EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR HAS TERMED "IMPOSSIBLE" THE CONDITIONS SET BY MNLF FOR RESUMPTION OF JIDDAH TALKS (I.E. MNLF DEMAND THAT GOP ACCEPT ITS AUTONOMY PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE--REF :). HOWEVER, MELCHOR DID NOT RULE OUT "RESUMPTION OF (JIDDAH) CONVERSATIONS" IF MNLF DEMAND (WHICH HE SAID DEMONSTRATED BAD FAITH AND INSINCERITY) IS DROPPED.

2. AT SAME TIME, MELCHOR INVITED AL TOHAMY TO ATTEND APRIL 17 MEETING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER "REVEL" LEADERS IN ZAMBOANGA. MELCHOR STATEMENTS WERE CONTAINED IN CABLE AND FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO AL TOHAMY REPLYING TO HIS LETTER OF MARCH 19.

3. COMMENT: COUPLED WITH MNLF APRIL 1 STATEMENT IN
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TRIPOLI THAT MARCOS' REFUSAL OF MNLF DEMANDS MAY CLOSE

DOOR IN FACE OF FURTHER TALKS (REF.A.), MELCHOR REMARKS
MAKE RESUMPTION OF JIDDAH TALKS IN APRIL APPEAR LESS
LIKELY THAN EVER. WE ASSUME THAT AL TOHAMY UNLIKELY TO
ACCEPT MELCHOR'S INVITATION TO ATTEND APRIL 17 STAGE
SHOW IN ZAMBOANGA. IF HE DID, IT WOULD CERTAINLY TEND
TO BLOW WHATEVER UTILITY HE MAY HAVE AS A MEDIATOR WITH
THE REAL REGELSM CONCEIVABLY, GOP MAY DELIBERATELY BE
DISENGAGING FROM AL TOHAMY AS NEGOTIATING CHANNEL IN
HOPES THAT INDONESIA (WHICH HAS FELT AL TOHAMY ROUTE A
MISTAKE FROM THE START) MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL.
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